

football player while in high school. After graduation, Emmanuel committed to Mississippi State University (MSU), where he is a member of the MSU Bulldogs football team. Emmanuel Forbes, Jr., who is a defensive back, has made himself into one of the top players at his position. He has caught the eyes of NFL scouts and ESPN draft experts. Mel Kiper, who is the head coach of the MSU Bulldogs football team, has Emmanuel projected to be taken in the middle of the second round in the 2023 NFL Draft, if he were to declare to go pro after the football season.

Emmanuel is a semifinalist for both the Chuck Bednarik Award, which is awarded to the nation's top defensive player, and the Jim Thorpe Award, which is awarded to the nation's top defensive back. If Emmanuel makes the finalist list, he will travel to Orlando, FL, for the awards ceremony, which will be televised on ESPN on December 3, 2022.

Emmanuel led the Bulldogs with 5 interceptions through 10 games, which is tied for second-most in the nation and ranks second in MSU single-season history. Emmanuel has 13 career interceptions, which leads the nation since 2020, and is the most active among SEC players. Emmanuel set the MSU and Armed Forces Bowl record with a 90-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Emmanuel Forbes, Jr. for his dedication, passion for leadership, and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING MR. TOMMY STALNAKER

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of my good friend, Chairman Tommy Stalnaker, who is retiring after 50 years of service to Houston County, Georgia.

Mr. Stalnaker began his public service in 1972 and worked in various local government positions for 38 years until he was elected as chairman of the Houston County Board of Commissioners in 2010. Mr. Stalnaker started serving as Houston County's Chief Elected Official the following year and served three consecutive terms as chairman for 12 years.

During his tenure, Mr. Stalnaker was a champion for developing Houston County into the thriving community it is today and supporting the mission at Robins Air Force Base. While in office, he served on the Governing Council of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

Mr. Stalnaker worked for and with 30 Houston County Commissioners during his extensive career and is proud to see Houston County in positive financial standing with no debt.

I am honored to have the privilege of representing outstanding Georgians and servant leaders like Chairman Stalnaker. I thank him for his many years of service to our community, and I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING COUNTY COMMISSIONER OTIS RITTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Otis Ritter for nearly 10 years of service as Moore County Commissioner and a lifetime of public service to our community.

Prior to serving on the Moore County Board of Commission, Commissioner Ritter served in the Navy and worked as a volunteer fireman for the Robbins and High Falls rescue squads. He also served 20 years as the chairman of the county's Emergency Services Advisory Committee. After being appointed to the Board of Commissioners to replace Commissioner Craig Kennedy in 2013, Commissioner Ritter was elected to hold the District III seat in 2014 and 2018. Given his experience as a first responder, he now serves as a member of the Fire Commission which recently replaced the Emergency Services Advisory Committee. He also currently serves as a member of Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, and numerous other committees. Perhaps most impressively, Commissioner Ritter also previously served as vice chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Today, Commissioner Ritter is the longest serving member of the current Board of Commissioners. He will retire from his seat at the end of this year. Over the course of his career, he has extended the highest level of personal sacrifice in dedicating himself to the service of others. I know I speak for our entire community in thanking him for his hard work and wishing him well as he enters the next chapter of his life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Commissioner Otis Ritter for his career of exemplary servitude to his community.

HONORING SAMUEL L. WASHINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Samuel "Sam" Washington. Sam has had a fascination for aviation since he was young and had his sights set on the skies.

Sam grew up on a farm northwest of Yazoo City, MS. After being educated in the Humphreys County School System in Belzoni, he attended Mississippi Valley State University for two years before finishing his degree in management at Delta State University in 1986. After college, he spent a brief tour with the U.S. Air Force. After he persevered and pursued education, this prepared him for his current job as Director of the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport. In 2003, Sam took a job as director of purchasing at DSU. While there, he took the opportunity of free tuition for employees to earn two master's degrees, one in business

and the other in commercial aviation. In 2010, he left to open his own consulting firm.

Sam became a management instructor in the aviation department at DSU and worked part-time with the Vicksburg Municipal Airport. After that, he took his present job at the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport in 2018.

The other person, other than his wife, Barbara, that he respects most, is his father, Clinton Washington, Jr. He is who Sam aspire to be as a man.

Sam is Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Worship Center in Cleveland, MS, where he not only preaches, but takes care of the property. That combined with home projects does not leave a lot of time for other activities. Although he doesn't get to do a lot of flying, that is his number one hobby.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sam Washington for his dedication to advocacy for airport economic improvements and his selfless service to the Greenville Mid Delta Airport and the Mississippi Delta Region.

HONORING DR. ERIKA HENDEL AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Doctor Erika Hendel as Iowan of the Week. Erika is the co-chair of the Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition, board member of the Des Moines Pride Center, and in their free time manages to work as a veterinarian. June is Pride Month, and the purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. Erika has been a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ community and truly encapsulates the meaning of Pride Month.

Erika was a founding member and now sits as co-chair of The Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition (IQCC). The Iowa Queer Communities of Color's mission is to use an intersectional lens to address the inequity of services, lack of support and space, socioeconomic disparities, and institutional racism experienced by our communities through education, advocacy, intentional inclusivity, and organizing. Erika has always been involved in LGBTQ advocacy but knew that visibility is important. As Asian American. Erika has lived in Iowa for 5½ years, but it was a difficult transition coming from some of the other diverse places that they have lived. This led Erika to get even more involved in the community and become the co-chair of the IQCC. Erika found that it made the most sense of community with the diversity that they have experienced in the queer organizations in the city. Erika is looking to address the question of how to create a system of support. That is a goal that Erika is looking to work towards in Des Moines through continued advocacy.

Additionally, Erika is a board member of the Des Moines Pride Center, an organization dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their families